

# Notice of Allowability

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to 2/27/2006.
2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 16-24.
3. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
  - a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some\* c) ☐ None of the:
    1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
    2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. \_\_\_\_\_.
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4. ☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
  5. ☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
    - (a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
      - 1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
    - (b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).
6. ☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

### Attachment(s)

1. ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
2. ☐ Notice of Draftperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
3. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
4. ☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
6. ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date \_\_\_\_\_
7. ☐ Examiner's Amendment/Comment
8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
9. ☐ Other \_\_\_\_\_

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## **DETAILED ACTION**

### ***Allowable Subject Matter***

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

As per claims 16 and 21, the closest prior art of record Balderrama et al. U.S. Patent 5,806,071 and Plantz et al. U.S. Patent 6,088,702 taken either individually or in combination with other prior art of record fails to teach or suggest a Creator logging into a system, accessing a Template, creating a draft by using a content type specific template, saving the draft, selecting a reviewer and an editor based upon in part on the content type specific template and then transmitting the draft to an inbox of a reviewer and an editor.

The specific allowable feature, which distinguishes the present invention over the prior art, is selection of a reviewer and an editor based in part on the content type specific template. Thus, with the reviewer or editor being determined on the basis of the template used to create the document, rules for review of the document are automatically enforced, and routing of the document for review occurs with a minimum of action on the part of the content creator.

Both Balderrama's system/method and the method recited in claims 16 and 21 share the general idea of using a template to create a document. However, the reference does not explicitly concern itself with forwarding a document to a reviewer or editor. Most significantly, the reference does not in any way teach or suggest that a

reviewer or editor for a document is to be selected based on the template used to create the document. Thus this key feature of claim 16 is not present in the reference.

Plantz describes a computer-based system, which allows the efforts of a number of different contributing authors to be efficiently combined into a single document which encompasses a plurality of different topics. (Column 7, lines 12-16,. column 8, lines 37-39; column 8, line 52 to column. 9, line 2) A system administrator may assign authors and editors to topics. (Column 11, lines 11-13, 29-31 and 37-39) There is no description in Plantz of any manner of assigning editors to topics other than by manual input from the administrators.

Claims 17-20 and 22-24 are dependent upon Claims 16 and 21 respectively and thus have all the limitations of claims 16 and 21 respectively and are allowable for that reason.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

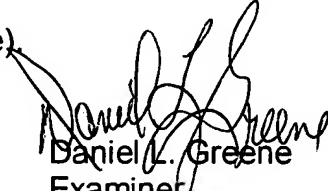
### ***Conclusion***

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Daniel L. Greene whose telephone number is 571-272-6707. The examiner can normally be reached on M-Thur. 8am-6pm.

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If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, James P. Trammell can be reached on 571-272-6712. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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